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SUBJ: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS REACT TO KORRY CHARGES OF RECEIVING
CIA MONEY

1. SUMMARY: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LEADERS IN A PUBLIC STATE-
MENT HAVE CHALLENGED EX-AMBASSADOR KORRY TO SUBSTANTIATE
CHARGES OF THEIR RECEIVING CIA MONEY, OR BE PREPARED TO
STAND TRIAL IN THE US. A SENIOR PARTY LEADER IS TRAVELING TO
THE US ON THE MATTER. END SUMMARY.

2. THE CHILEAN PRESS PRINTED WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF
CHARGES BY EX-AMBASSADOR KORRY THAT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC
(PDC) MINISTERS AND HAD RECEIVED LARGE SUMS OF MONEY FROM
THE CIA. TWELVE PARTY MEMBERS WHO HAD SERVED AS CABINET
MINISTERS UNDER PRESIDENT FREI ISSUED A STATEMENT
DECEMBER 2 LABELLING THE CHARGE "FALSE, INJURIOUS,
AND MALEVOLENT." (A13TH LATER ADHERED TO THE STATEMENT.)
THEY "SUMMONED" MR. KORRY TO ADMIT OR TO DENY THE CHARGES
ATTRIBUTED TO HIM AND, IN THE CASE OF ADMISSION, TO PROVIDE
NAMES AND ANTECEDENTS. SHOULD MR. KORRY DENY MAKING THE
CHARGES, THE PDC STATEMENT REQUESTS THAT HE MAKE AN
"IMMEDIATE" PUBLIC DENIAL.

3. THE STATEMENT ASSERTS THE TWELVE ARE MAKING THE
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NECESSARY APPROACH TO THE US COURTS TO SUE THOSE RESPONSIBLE

FOR THE CRIMES OF "INJURY, SLANDER AND DEFAMATION." MR. KORRY WILL BE CONSIDERED AS THE AUTHOR OR THE COAUTHOR OF THE ALLEGATIONS SHOULD HE NOT RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS, IF HE FAILS TO MAKE THE PUBLIC DENIAL AS ASKED, OR IF THE RESPONSE GIVEN IS NOT SATISFACTORY.

4. A PARTY SOURCE INFORMED EMBOFF ON DECEMBER 3 THAT SENIOR LEADER ANDRES ZALDIVAR -- A SIGNER OF THE STATEMENT-- WOULD DEPART SANTIAGO ON DECEMBER 6 FOR CARACAS AND THENCE TO NEW YORK; WHERE HE WOULD INSTITUTE THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. THE SOURCE OPINED THAT ZALDIVAR MAY HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS AFTER CONSULTING WITH EDUARDO FREI AND GABRIEL VALDES, FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER FREI, BOTH ALSO IN NEW YORK. THE SOURCE FURTHER SAID THAT CERTAIN DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE TO THE PARTY'S PRESTIGE AND SPECULATED THAT VALDES ("WITH WHOM KORRY NEVER SAW EYE TO EYE") WOULD DEMAND A FULL AIRING OF THE ISSUE.

5. COMMENT: THE PDC LEADERS OBVIOUSLY ARE MORE WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THEIR POLITICAL STANDING IN CHILE SHOULD THEY DO NOTHING, THAN THE POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THEIR PERSONAL REPUTATIONS. THEIR STATEMENT COMMITS THE PARTY TO AN EFFORT TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT, AND TO REGAIN ANY LOSS IN PRESTIGE.
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